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▶ Celebrity chef Jose Garces even has his own food truck, seen to the right, called Guapos Tacos.

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Organizing food trucks

Now numbering 500, street food carts and trucks have grown in stature every year City more and more willing to try different foods

When Dave Pennachietti decided to open high-end Italian food truck Lil' Dave's in 2009, it took him nine months to cut through the municipal red tape. "It was just crazy, what you had to go through with L&I and the Health Department," he said.

Street cuisine has come a long way from roach coach hot dogs slung on city corners and, by all indications, the gourmet-on-wheels trend shows no signs of slowing down. But many vendors say that Philadelphia's Legislature has not kept up with the rapid revolution.

"The problem with food trucks is that they put us under the same umbrella as restaurants. They don't see that we are a different industry," Pennachietti said. The newly formed trade group Philadelphia Mobile Food Association is seeking to change that.

"I was in the process of trying to start a food truck and started running into issues, whether legislative or zoning," PMFA co-founder Andrew Gerson said. "I saw similar ideas in other cities and thought it might be a good idea to bring something like this to Philadelphia."

The trade association, active through social media since December, already serves as an educational network for participants learning how to navigate the bureaucratic and practical aspects of the business. But at a meeting in University City tomorrow, PMFA will formalize, officially rolling out a three-level membership structure.

The group, which is in the process of applying for non-profit status with the help of the Penn Legal Clinic, will forge a communal voice for proprietors of the estimated 500-plus food trucks and carts around the city.

"It's a community approach," Patrick O'Rourke, who manages PMFA's online presence. "It's about not to being all alone and sharing what you've learned purely for the benefit of your peers."

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What we'll get

Here's what some of the expected benefits will be for food trucks and the patrons who love them:

- **The membership** levels will consist of truckers who actively own and operate a mobile food unit, prospects who are interested in joining the business but aren't sure where to start and associates who provide related services like truck makers and repair people and those who educate.
- **There are definitely** more trucks in store for the Philadelphia area, according to Pennachietti, who does volunteer consulting work. They include a South Philly dessert bus, a Cuban-Mexican fusion truck, one serving Thai-Korean barbecue and a vendor featuring Native American cuisine.
- **Legislative changes** will include advocating for amendments to the prohibited streets list and allowing trucks in more of Center City.

REKARD LABMA/METRO

▶ Pennachietti, serving his culinary fare at Huntington Street and Aramingo Avenue yesterday, is taking the lead in bringing together 500 street food vendors in Philadelphia.

Quoted

"We want to really focus on using local foods and keeping all our money here in Philly and Pennsylvania, helping local businesses and buying from them." PENNACHIETTI

"The trucks don't quite fall under the rules for carts and they don't quite fall under small-business rules. ... We want to build a single voice the city can cope with." O'ROURKE

In the news

Ambulance stolen in Atlantic City

A brazen car thief stole an ambulance from the emergency room loading dock at AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center on Pacific Avenue in Atlantic City, N.J., shortly after 2 a.m. yesterday, police said. The man, caught on surveillance cameras, then drove to Millville in Cumberland County and abandoned the vehicle there. METRO

In the news

More tires slashed

At least one resident of Northeast Philadelphia's Mayfair section has again suffered damage by tire-slashing vandals, the sixth time since late November. The new vandalism occurred at about 1 a.m. yesterday in the 7100 block of Erdrick Street, blocks from the most struck stretch on Aldine Street. METRO

Lukewarm reception to idea of Paterno Stadium

PENNSYLVANIA. Fewer than half of Pennsylvania voters support renaming Penn State University's football stadium for Joe Paterno, but a solid majority of college football fans in the state would back such a move, a poll released Friday showed.

"One has to wonder: If the Sandusky scandal had never happened whether support for renaming the stadium would have approached 100 percent," said Tim Malloy, of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. REUTERS

46 Percent of voters who would back renaming Penn State's Beaver Stadium to Joe Paterno Stadium; 40 percent said they opposed it.

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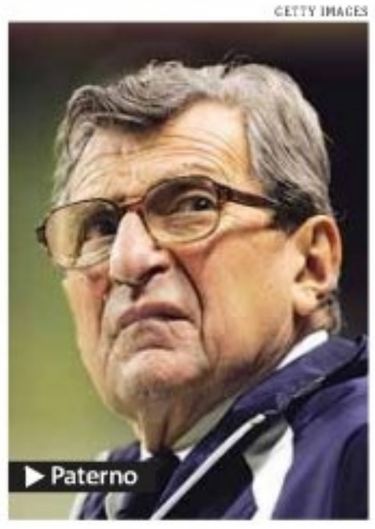


▶ Paterno

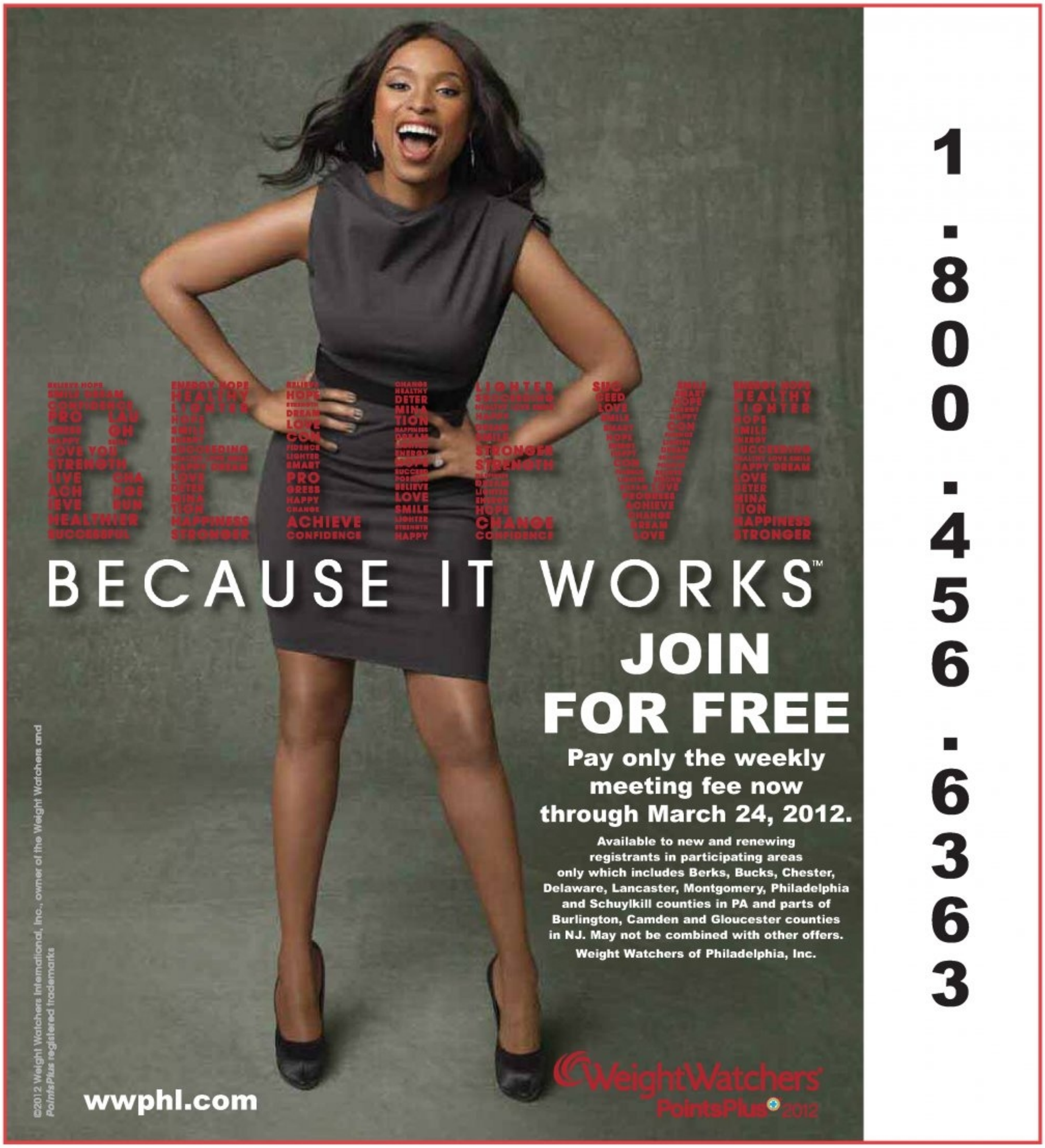
Cleaver-carrying suspect shot by police in Olney

OLNEY. A man was shot by police after allegedly threatening them with a meat cleaver Saturday.

Two highway patrol officers responded to the 5500 block of North Fifth Street around 6:40 p.m. to a report of a person with a gun and an axe, Lt. Ray Evers said. There, they found a man armed with a knife and a meat cleaver.

After the man was ordered several times to put down the weapons, he dropped one knife and pulled out another from his sock. When he lunged toward the officers, one shot him three times, striking him in the chest, shoulder and hand.

The suspect was taken to Einstein Medical Center in guarded condition. METRO/AW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Two men dead in violent Saturday for Camden

NEW JERSEY. Two people were gunned down during a flare of violence in the crime-riddled city of Camden on Saturday evening, according to authorities.

Another man was injured in the shooting at about 11 p.m. on North 24th Street that left two Hispanic men in their 20s dead. The dead victims were identified as Louis Antonio Narvaez-Betancourt, 32, and Ariel Paynes Garcia, 22, according to reports.

No arrests were made by yesterday afternoon. The warm weekend in Camden also included a stabbing that left two men hospitalized and a shooting earlier Saturday outside of a church event where two men injured from gunfire.

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Teens 'rude and outlandish' before alleged attack

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RIKARD LARMA

▶ A bus driver was reportedly attacked by three teens.

Police arrested three teenage boys, two 17-year-olds and a 16-year-old, for allegedly assaulting a SEPTA driver Saturday afternoon.

Authorities caught up with the suspects on the 5400 block of Pachall Avenue and took them into custody without incident. They are charged with aggravated assault and related offenses.

Police said that the three suspects boarded the Route 52 bus at 52nd and Chestnut streets around 1:50 p.m. and "engaged in rude and outlandish behavior using profanity and obscene language." When they reached their stop at 5400 Greenway Avenue, one of the teens allegedly grabbed the driver, 52, and pulled him off the bus.

Once the driver was on the pavement, all three of the suspects assaulted him, punching him repeatedly in the face, police said. They then fled southbound on Greenway Avenue.

The driver was taken to Mercy Hospital, where he received stitches for facial lacerations forehead and was treated for a broken nose.

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'Black Madam' bail lowered significantly

▶ Windslowe remained active in entertainment, her Facebook page said, despite being suspected in an implant death last year.

A Philadelphia Common Pleas Court judge reduced bail Friday for "Black Madam" Padge Victoria Windslowe, who is accused of injecting a woman with silicone at a pumping party last month, from $10 million to $750,000.

Authorities said a 23-year-old woman received a butt injection from Windslowe at a house in Germantown on Feb. 19 and was hospitalized days later due to complications from the procedure. Windslowe was arrested Feb. 29 at a pumping party in the same home, police said. She is charged with aggravated assault, simple assault, recklessly endangering another person, deceptive business practices and other offenses.

Windslowe could also face charges in the death of 20-year-old British student Claudia Aderotimi, who died in a Southwest Philadelphia hotel after receiving an injection from Windslowe. No charges have been filed in the case because the medical examiner has yet to issue a final ruling.

"Windslowe was also ordered to stay away from syringes ... Krazy Glue and needles."

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If Windslowe posts bail, she will placed on house arrest at her parents' home in West Philadelphia and ordered to wear a monitoring device.

Windslowe remained in custody as of Friday. No details of her release could be determined by online court documents yesterday.

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- **Cancer treatment:** The same training methods for oil detection are also on trial for cancer diagnosis. Research indicates dogs show high sensitivity to cancerous tissue in its early stages.

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▶ Tara the dachshund searches for an old buried oil spill on Svalbard, Norway.

Scientists use dogs to find oil

Man's best friend may become even more popular following new evidence that dogs can detect oil — even if it's buried deep under ice.

Norwegian research group Sintef was commissioned by six of the world's leading oil firms to test the capability of dogs to scent 'black gold' in the icy archipelago of Svalbard, ahead of arctic drilling planned for June. Sintef reported "better results than expected" with border collies and dachshunds able to pinpoint the location and dimensions of oil slicks.

The animals received intensive preparation at the Norwegian Dog Training Institute run by Turid Buvik.

"The training is systematic," Buvik told Metro. "It is the same method used for bomb-sniffing and drug detection. They work on command to detect a substance then track it over greater distances. We found they could locate oil from five to 10 kilometers away." The dogs were fitted with GPS devices, which recorded and assessed their searches.

Training can last up to three years. It is crucial that the dog's temperament is stable and "positive" as they are subjected to long journeys and hostile conditions.

Buvik insists that dogs are more cost-effective than radar technologies used to find oil. "None of these machines have thousands of years of evolution. We already use dogs to find minerals on land, so there is no problem." She suggests that oil companies may be reluctant to use dogs because "they don't really want to find all the spills."

"There should be further tests," Sintef scientist Per Johan Brandvik told Metro. "The oil industry needs to be a little more convinced, but to me its proven and should be implemented."

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Romney calls for firings over rising gas prices

Presidential candidate Mitt Romney called for President Barack Obama to fire three top administration officials as he sought to harness voter anger over rising gas prices ahead of nominating contests in Puerto Rico and Illinois.

Republican candidates have seized on rising gasoline prices to argue that Obama's environmental efforts are hurting ordinary Americans who are struggling to recover from the deepest recession since the 1930s.

Romney said Obama should fire the three top officials who oversee energy and environmental matters.

Gas prices have increased 53 cents since the start of the year. **REUTERS**

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▶ Ouch. These were the gas prices in Washington, D.C., this weekend. No wonder this guy is walking.

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▶ Defense attorney John Henry Browne, right, speaks during a news conference with partner Emma C. Scanlan by his side.

Afghan shooter to meet lawyers

A lawyer representing the U.S. soldier implicated in the massacre of 16 villagers in Afghanistan said this weekend he and other members of the defense team would spend several days with him this week.

Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, whose military unit is based south of Tacoma, Wash., is being held in Kansas after he was flown out of Afghanistan.

Bales' civilian attorney, John Henry Browne, said in a statement he was being joined in the defense effort by Emma Scanlan, also a civilian, and a military defense counsel, Mjr. Thomas Hurley. **REUTERS**

Radio station 'positioning Huckabee as safe alternative to Limbaugh'

Cumulus Media has sent an e-mail blast to fellow radio station owners with a Photoshopped picture of former U.S. presidential candidate Mike Huckabee, promoting him as the conservative talk radio host of the future.

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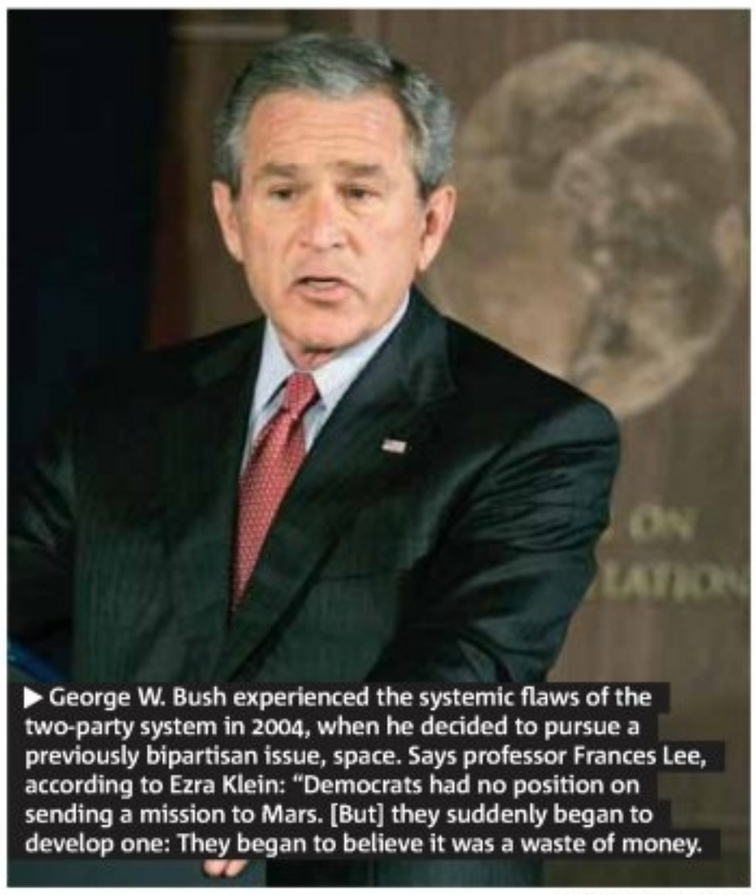

▶ George W. Bush experienced the systemic flaws of the two-party system in 2004, when he decided to pursue a previously bipartisan issue, space. Says professor Frances Lee, according to Ezra Klein: "Democrats had no position on sending a mission to Mars. [But] they suddenly began to develop one: They began to believe it was a waste of money.

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While the GOP circus fought for the honor of representing Puerto Rico as "El Presidente" yesterday, we wanted to focus on some scholarly journalistic discussion that sheds some light — though, in our opinion, not enough — on the inherent failures of U.S. party politics.

Washington Post political correspondent Ezra Klein shook up the erudite politisphere last week when, in an essay for The New Yorker and then in a reprise during guest-hosting duties on MSNBC's "Up With Chris Hayes", he put forth the mysteriously uncommon yet surprisingly obvious assertion that presidential speechifying can actually have a net negative effect on administration success, as opposition politicians are actually heavily incentivized to ensure the failure of their across-the-aisle rivals.

Klein sought to dispute the historical wisdom that "the power of the president is the power to persuade," arguing that grand speeches from the executive actually do his platform a disservice, since the other party cannot reasonably be expected to offer "bipartisan" support to a group of people whose successes inversely affect their own re-elections. The bigger deal a president makes of any one issue — witness, in recent months, Obama's failed pursuit of the American Jobs Act; or, in years past, President Bush's colossal efforts and, ultimately, failure at privatizing Social Security — the more vigorously opposition lawmakers are encouraged to oppose it. In this polarized environment, policy wins for one party can be directly interpreted as failures for the other; so pols stymie the efforts of their rivals regardless of any potential benefits.

Klein pays particular attention to the way in which a president's message can backfire, as opposition figures are put in the clear position of 1: supporting their rivals and, thereby, losing; or 2: torpedoing rival legislation and improving their own political futures. But we think this analysis, while certainly interesting, misses the wider implications: that U.S. politicians personally benefit from weakening America, when to help the country would mean also helping party rivals and hurting themselves.

The two-party system has many flaws, but none quite so damning as this: Americans suffer as a direct result of the petty machinations of our two grand political parties. This is how, under Obama, Republicans have suddenly reversed their beliefs on, for instance, the insurance mandate in health care, originally developed by right-wing think tanks and backed by all manner of establishment R's: To support it would mean supporting the president, so they thought up reasons to dislike it. And similar things happened with cowardly Democrats under Bush.

So long as we vote for D's and R's, we suffer. Because no matter which party wins, Americans inevitably lose.

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Hollywood's new, secret romances

Who in Hollywood has been K-I-S-S-I-N-G?

Well, if you look toward the Chateau Marmont, you'll find a lot of new, smooching couples.

First up? Sources say **Jason Segel** has been quietly dating "My Week with Marilyn" star **Michelle Williams** for about a month, according to Us Weekly. The pair reportedly first got acquainted during a four-hour date at the Chateau Marmont late last month. "They were super giggly," a source says of Segel and Williams, who were briefly joined by her pal **Busy Phillips** that evening. Segel is keeping mum on the news, saying only, "I don't comment on my personal life these days."

Also turning heads recently at the Chateau Marmont were **Cameron Diaz** and **Jude Law** when they were reportedly spotted making out on the patio, according to Hollyscoop. Witnesses say Law picked up a $400 bar tab before the two headed to one of the bar's private bungalows. But that apparently wasn't private enough, as another patron is said to have shouted "get a room" at the pair, who left shortly after.

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▶ Are Williams and Segel a thing?

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▶ The Smiths love the 76ers.

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Fighting off rumors of marital strife, Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith showed up with their kids to the Miami Heat vs. the Philadelphia 76ers game at Wachovia Center on Friday night in Philadelphia. Cheese steaks cure all — even rumors of an impending divorce.

O'Donnell is off the air

On Friday, **Oprah Winfrey**'s OWN network canceled **Rosie O'Donnell**'s "The Rosie Show" after only five months on air.

OWN says it was because of "poor ratings" — and true, the ratings were a disaster — but reports are coming out that O'Donnell was also less than an ideal boss. A former staffer told The Daily Beast that the show "was a f—ing hellhole," and partially blamed O'Donnell's bad management for its demise.

The numbers speak for themselves: O'Donnell's new show averaged 186,000 viewers; on "The Rosie O'Donnell Show," she had 5 million viewers daily.

This doesn't bode well for Oprah or OWN. What's next? Getting **Montel** on the phone?

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ALABAMA SHAKES AUSTIN

During the final leg of SXSW, an unlikely favorite emerges One editor's look at some 'good old buddies' and new faces to watch this year

In the early hours of Sunday morning, Ryan Sambol seemed content. Standing outside the Mohawk Patio, where his band, **Strange Boys**, had just completed their sixth and final rocking set of the week, he took in the foot traffic jam of the wasted and weary and seemed pleased that the week was over, but grateful for the fun times he'd had. Based in Austin, Sambol's is a different experience than most of the artists who play SXSW.

"Everyone in the whole world comes here," he said, "so you just sit back and let your phone ring and then hang out with some good old buddies."

SXSW is full of good old buddies if you're a music journalist. My first taste of SXSW was flavored by veteran favorites Bruce Springsteen, Jimmy Cliff and Fiona Apple, who all delivered captivating performances. But there's so much more reward in finding new artists. So after Springsteen's set on Thursday night, I set out to find some new good buddies.

▶ Alabama Shakes

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It's so refreshing when talent trumps pop star packaging and a band like **Alabama Shakes** can create buzz. SXSW is scheduled in such a way that many acts perform multiple shows, creating several different chances to see them. The Shakes benefited from this word-of-mouth/word-of-Web process, so by Friday night they may have been the most talked-about new act; their show had a line around the block. What makes Alabama Shakes so special is singer Brittany Howard, who is essentially Tina Turner, Jack White and Janis Joplin wrapped up in one unassuming package. The band's sound bounces between soul and boogie-woogie, but genre isn't their selling point as much as the songwriting and Howard's expressive delivery. On Friday night she worked the packed crowd under the tent on the patio of Easy Tiger into such a frenzy that when the band finished, the way that everybody yelled out felt very primal.

It's about time that somebody ripped off Donna Summer. The NYC-based **Escort** includes a string section, a horn section, a percussion section and the vibrant vocals of Adeline Michele. The live instrumentation and the collective energy of the 15 members onstage make it impossible not to shake yo thang.

In my previews leading up to SXSW, I wrote about **J. Roddy Walston & the Business**, **Michael Kiwanuka**, **Cloud Nothings** and **Youth Lagoon**. I'm proud to say that because of what I witnessed in Texas, I'm sticking to my guns — and I guarantee you'll be hearing a lot more from all of them.

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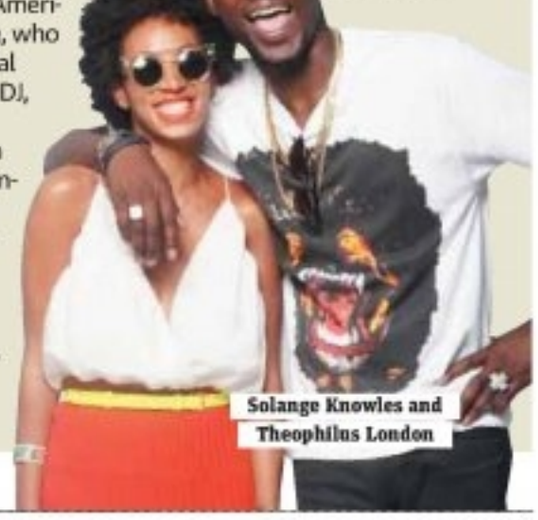
Hip-hop hooray

More than ever, hip-hop was well represented at SXSW, presumably because of the breakout success of Odd Future and Kanye West's descent upon Austin last year. In the clubs down Sixth Street you could almost hear as many DJs as guitars. A definite standout was Mexican-American MC **Eric White**, who laid his confessional rhymes down to a DJ, live drummer, guitarist and violin player. On the mainstream level, **Nas** turned in a nostalgic good vibes show at the Moody Theatre, with a set made to look like Queensbridge, N.Y., complete with subway stop stairs and towering apartment buildings. A little less mainstream (for now), **Theophilus London** proved that he could both rap and sing like a champ, his gruff baritone a perfect counterpart to **Solange Knowles'** sweet voice on the song "Overseas." It won't be too long until the pair is singing this for much bigger audiences.



Solange Knowles and Theophilus London

Boss in Austin

After delivering a speech that was essentially an answer key to his entire career, Bruce Springsteen took to the stage of the 2,700-capacity Moody Theatre for an intense set with the E Street Band that lasted nearly three hours.

The set list was similar to his tour opening show at the Apollo earlier this month, but what truly made it special were the surprise guests that joined him onstage, including openers **Alejandro Escovedo** and **the Low Anthem**, as well as **Jimmy Cliff**, **Joe Ely**, **the Arcade Fire** and perhaps most poignantly, **Eric Burden** of **The Animals**. During his keynote address, the Boss picked up an acoustic guitar and played a snippet of The Animals' "We've Gotta Get Outta This Place" and confessed, "That's every song I've ever written." Through the magic of Twitter, Eric Burden's fans let him know about this shout-out, and then conveyed to Springsteen that Burden in fact has been living in Austin, which spurred the gracious invitation.

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▶ Jonah Hill, left, and Channing Tatum star in "21 Jump Street."

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'Pretty Little Liars'

DRAMA. The revelation of A's identity comes, naturally, during a big episode: tonight's season finale. And, on par for this show, it all goes down during a lavish party. This one is a masquerade ball. **Season finale, 8 p.m., ABC Family**

'Alcatraz'

DRAMA. A musically inclined killer returns, choosing to focus on the latter talent. **9 p.m., Fox**

'Smash'

DRAMA. So that's where she gets it — Ivy's domineering mother, played by guest star Bernadette Peters, stops by. **10 p.m., NBC** ● **AMBER RAY**

'21 Jump Street' arrests audiences with box office win

A comedy version of 1980s television show "21 Jump Street" topped movie box office charts with an estimated $35.0 million in U.S. and Canadian ticket sales over the weekend.

Animated movie "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax" followed in second place with $22.8 million, according to studio estimates released yesterday. Sci-fi epic "John Carter" finished in third place with $13.5 million.

The movie division of Sony Corp. released "21 Jump Street." Comcast Corp.'s Universal Pictures distributed "The Lorax." "John Carter" was released by Walt Disney Co. **REUTERS**

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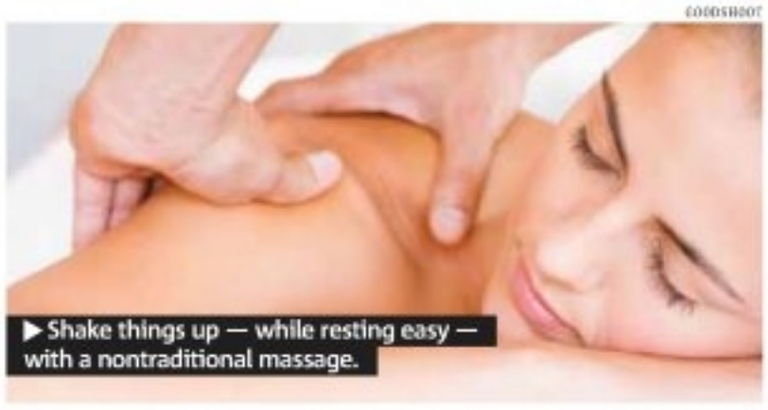
Think beyond Swedish for your next massage

Swedish massage is a familiar treatment, widely adopted and adapted by therapists. However, different cultures around the world have their own massage techniques, too.



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▶ Shake things up — while resting easy — with a nontraditional massage.

Thai massage: During a Thai massage, the therapist kneels, crouches and sometimes stands over the patient. It concentrates more on joints than muscles, easing stagnation via stretching and acupressure. It starts with the feet and works the lower body more than the upper. The therapist manipulates the limbs, often adapting yoga poses.

"That's why it's called lazy yoga," says Mariana Spry, spa director at The Sports Club/LA in Boston. "It's assisted yoga and a very different experience from Swedish, which concentrates on one aspect of the body. It's extremely beneficial for myofascial [soft tissue] therapy, for treating pain and restriction of motion."

Lomilomi: If your travels will soon take you to Hawaii, be sure to book this treatment, which is a rarity off the islands. Like Thai massage, lomilomi balances chakras and encourages chi (energy) flow, but it works as a whole-body massage and the therapist cannot work on a specific area of congestion or tightness. In Hawaiian, lomilomi means "going to and from." The massage is intense and specific, consisting of long, continuous strokes with no breaks in touch at all.

"It's very melodic and needs to be done precisely," says Alex Sharpe, spa director at Vermont's Topnotch Spa. "It's most beneficial for people with chronic stress."

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Abhyanga

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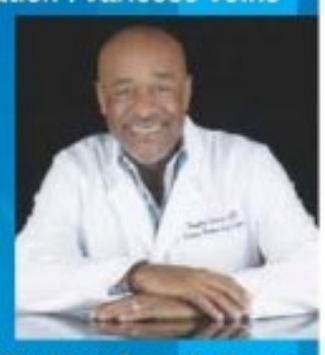

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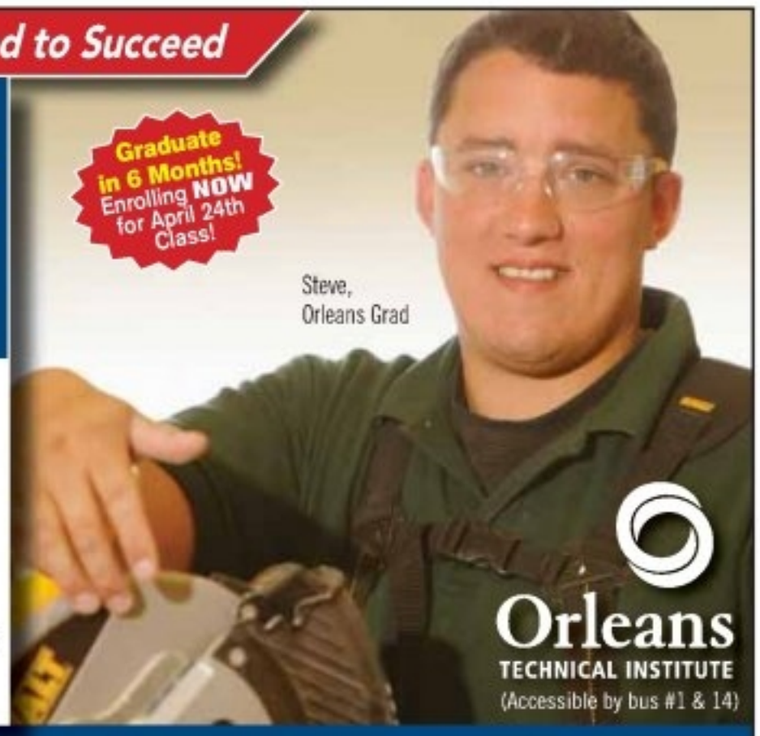

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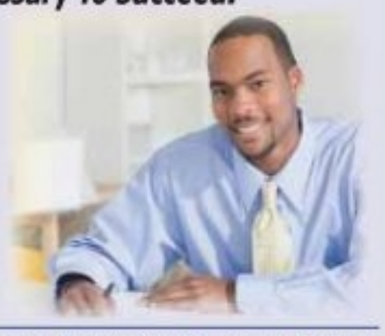

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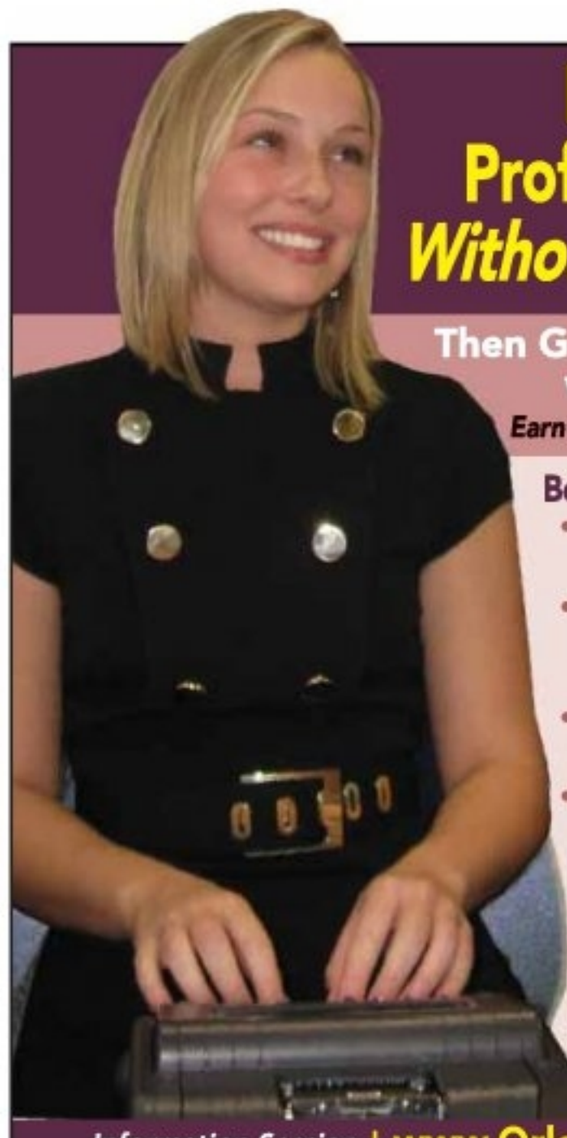

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Disclosing a job offer

Weighing a job offer presents plenty of hard questions: Is the compensation worth the risk? Is the position consistent with the path you want to be on? But there's one immediate question that's often overlooked: How much should you tell your boss? We asked the experts about the benefits of disclosing a job offer to your manager.

Yes: Share your situation

▶ If the relationship is a strong one, you should be able to expect support. "If your boss is a mentor who has consistently helped you along your career path with advice, wisdom, good boundaries and

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▶ Before you accept an offer, talk it over with some trusted mentors — but that might not include your boss.

encouragement, by all means, inform him or her of your plans," says Sally Mounts, president of Auctus Consulting Group.

▶ "Great leaders, in both their style and their results, are always grooming their people for success," says John P. Strelecky, author of "The Big Five for Life. "So if a person is working for a great leader, they can expect the leader to see the upside potential of helping someone move up."

No: Make an independent decision

▶ New York City-based recruiter Patricia Lenkov votes no to discussing the offer. "Your boss knows you are not committed and potential salary increases and promotions can be withheld." Yikes.

▶ Then there's always the possibility that the offer falls through. "It can change the relationship," explains Kurt Weyerhauser, managing partner of executive search firm Kensington-Stone. "It can create doubt about one's loyalty." JULIA WEST

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▶ Embree's new book is for natural grammar geeks.

Calling all word nerds

By the 1980s, Mary Embree was feeling burnt out by her career in television production. Just a few years later, she remade herself into a full-time freelance editor.

Embree got her break editing a friend's book that was later picked up by Simon & Schuster. A chain reaction of references soon provided her with more work than she could have imagined.

Her latest book, "Starting Your Career as a Freelance Editor: A Guide to Working With Authors, Books, Newsletters, Magazines, Websites, and More," is an attempt to share her business philosophy with naturally gifted wordsmiths and persnickety proofreaders.

"Some people are just really good with words; they're naturally good with grammar. I believe they can learn to be editors," she explains, from her home in Port Hueneme, Calif. "I did not have a college education, but I learned through the years, as I was constantly being asked to do more editing in the jobs that I had."

Over the last 20 years, the booming self-publishing industry has created a cascade of projects for Embree. Her clients typically hire her to help them take the book from cradle to page, from discussing their initial ideas to suggesting broad structural changes to copyediting the manuscript according to the Chicago Manual of Style.

"Starting Your Career" includes chapters on each step of that process, plus advice on promoting the business, record-keeping and establishing a framework for hourly rates. But, most importantly, the book provides plenty of wisdom on the core of any editing business: fostering good relationships with writers.

"You need to be firm and honest with them at the same time. That isn't always easy. You don't want to insult them," she explains. "It's a very fine line there."

On her writing résumé

▶ Before starting her career as a freelance editor, Mary Embree worked in Hollywood as a production assistant for "Good Times," "One Day At a Time" and "Three's Company." Her other books with Allworth Press include "The Author's Toolkit" and "The Birds and Bees of Words: A Guide to the Most Common Errors in Usage, Spelling, and Grammar."

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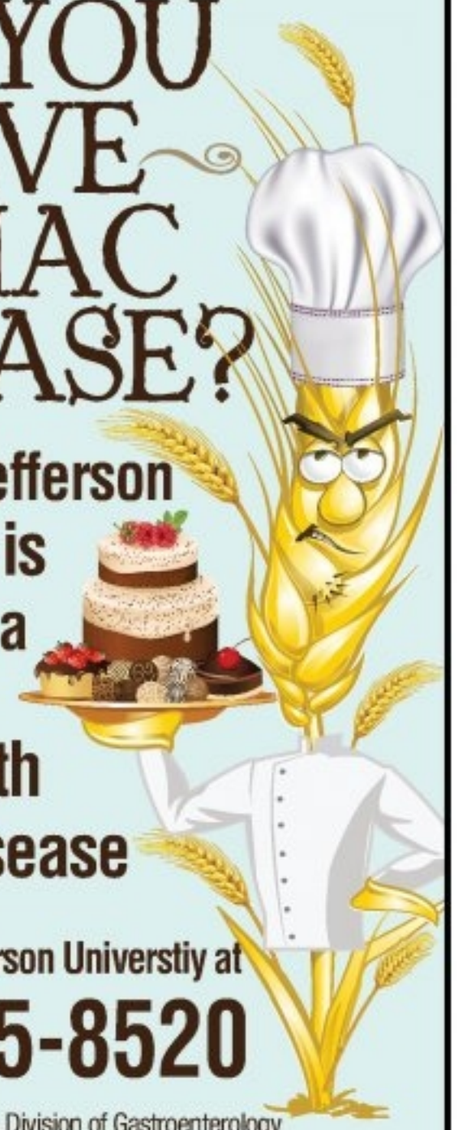

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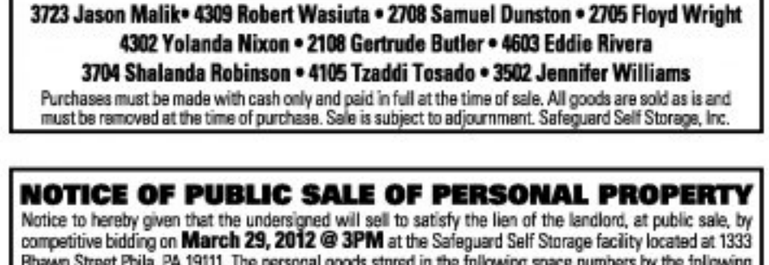

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So you think race doesn't matter?

RE: "NEWSFLASH: OBAMA IS ALSO HALF WHITE!": Do you deny that in the days of slavery the lighter skinned slaves were the ones who were treated better but were still treated as slaves? Are there no "red-necks" in the South who would vote against someone if they had just one drop of "black blood"?
ROBERT LA ROSA, VIA E-MAIL

As a Republican voter I would have been proud to have voted for Herman Cain or Condaleezza Rice if she was running. These are true black Americans — excuse me, African-Americans — who came from generations of black families with nothing and took advantage of the educational system in this country and became successful. I guess we are stuck with role models like Kayne West.
JOHN ARSLANIAN, VIA E-MAIL

Mark Carrieri, it was uneducated writers like you who based their opinions about Obama on Rush Limbaugh and his ilk that have provided America with the nonstop GOP freak show. In this country, anyone who is 50 percent black is black; where have you been since dropping out of third grade? Color isn't like math, it is decided by subjective perception. Are you trying to hide raw racism behind the thin veil of Obama being also 50 percent white so the hostility would appear unrelated to his color?
GEORGE MATHIOWITZ, VIA E-MAIL

I hope your paper has the courage to print this response as apparently it's not popular to speak the truth when it comes to President "The Second Coming" Obama. When do the simple facts about how the president's actions and policies have been ineffective actually register? He came into office calling for $2 trillion to stimulate the economy and halt the unemployment rate. Well, huge failure! And that doesn't add in the downgrading of our financial rating affecting our ability to borrow money and increasing the cost of servicing our current balling debt!
TONY MOLINA, VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Carrieri, your argument that President Obama is 50 percent white therefore it is not hatred because the color of his skin is an example of how ignorance has shifted in this country from overt expressions of hatred to thinking that it is okay to be covertly ignorant. If you disagree with President Obama's policies, state it. At least your argument will be respected.
NILSON ROSARIO, VIA E-MAIL

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Let's be fair to all of world's religions

RE: "RESPECT MUST BE EARNED, NOT TAKEN BY FORCE": John Arslanian questions why no one seems to have courage enough to discuss problems with the Islamic Koran. I advise John that those of us who view Christianity with a critical eye are also acutely aware of problems associated with various dogmas, and are not silent on these matters. As to why the Metro publishes letters regarding the Christian texts predominantly, I think it is because the United States is home to an insidious theocratic faction of Biblical proportion.
STEVEN AHERN, VIA E-MAIL

OK, John: The Koran is just as make-believe as the Bible. Happy? Am I "courageous" yet? **JD DUCAS, VIA E-MAIL**

Horoscope

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You could get the opening you've been looking for to cash in a long overdue debt. It won't necessarily be something material — it could easily be a mere favor.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Don't hesitate to make a concession to a close friend — even if it's unwarranted — if doing so means the difference between harmony and conflict. Even small things can mean a great deal.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Conditions are conducive for doing something out of the ordinary where your work or career is concerned. However, it might require a bit of boldness to pull off.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** It would be foolish to put off giving away something that another dearly wants and that is of little value to you. Selfishness won't help you get ahead in this instance.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Although there may only be a nominal amount of profit involved with a commercial matter, that's not its only benefit. You might gain some impressive bragging rights as well.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Seriously consider a suggestion offered by an old friend who knows your affairs quite well. His or her advice will be sensible and practical.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Opportunities that present themselves might start out a bit thin at the waist, but will eventually grow in girth. With time, your financial position will expand.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Dame Fortune is likely to smile on you in an arrangement where she has always frowned on others. Make the most of what you have going while she is in your corner.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** You should deal privately with a family matter that should be kept confidential. You'll have better luck figuring things out without the input of the peanut gallery.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** When stuck on an assignment that has you baffled, don't hesitate to request advice from someone who has had a lot of experience in the area that is confounding you.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Compensation is on its way for something you have earned by your own diligence. The rewards you receive will be in proportion to the effort you expended.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** When you are presenting something to others that is very important, keep your comments purposeful but as brief as possible. It'll make your listeners more attentive and receptive.
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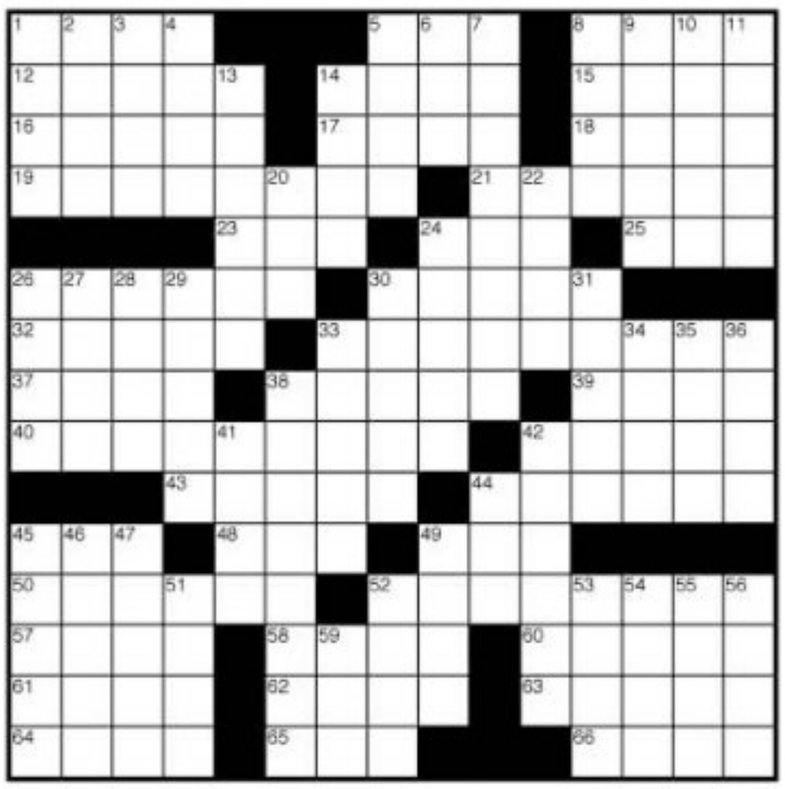

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Points taken: Hartnell leads Flyers over Pens

Orange and Black get 3-2 overtime win with late goal ◗ Move within two points of Pittsburgh in standings ◗ Bryzgalov strong again in net

In three weeks this might mean nothing. Or everything.

That's how tightly packed the Atlantic Division has become. A point or two could mean the difference between a playoff date with the No. 8 seed, or opening on the road. Should the Flyers manage to sneak their way into that coveted top spot in those three weeks, they may well point to yesterday's 3-2 overtime win over the sizzling Penguins.

When Scott Hartnell beat the clock, scoring with 0.9 left, not only did it snap their cross-state rivals' 11-game winning streak, but showed the Flyers are convinced they can play with anybody.

"Whether we play them in the first round or the conference finals, it'll be a good test," said Claude Giroux. "We're not going to back down. We know they're a good team. But we're a good team, too."

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▶ Hartnell scored the game-winning goal in OT.

Coming off a 3-2 shootout loss in Boston on Saturday — where the Flyers also overcame a 2-0 deficit — the win moves Peter Laviolette's club (92 points) within two points of second-place Pittsburgh. Meanwhile, the slumping Rangers (95) have seen their once 12-point cushion reduced to just three. Both clubs have a game in hand over Philadelphia.

"Odds are that we are going to end up with these guys in the first round," said Hartnell. "We got a point on them tonight, so we're one step closer to getting home ice. We play them twice in Pittsburgh, so it's not going to be easy."

Especially after Ilya Bryzgalov turned in another strong performance, yielding only Craig Adams' first-period deflection and Evgeni Malkin's late second period score, while turning aside 38 shots.

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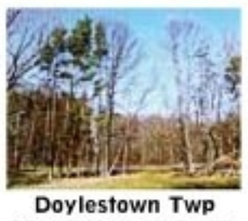

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General Motors sees "clearly deteriorating" sales and pricing in Europe's car market leading to restructuring across the industry, according to analysts who met with the automaker's management last week.

Analysts met with Dan Ammann, GM's chief financial officer, and James Davlin, treasurer of the Detroit-based automaker, according to Citigroup Inc. Europe's vehicle pricing has "worsened significantly" during the past three to four months, Rod Lache, a New York-based analyst at Deutsche Bank, wrote Friday in a research note on the meeting.

"GM appears to expect a more substantial industry volume decline during this cycle," Lache wrote. The automaker "thus expects more substantial capacity reductions and by a broader" group of automakers.

GM, which lost $747 million in Europe last year before interest and taxes, will take two to three months to announce a restructuring plan for the region, Karl-Friedrich Stracke, head of GM Europe, told reporters March 6 at the Geneva motor show. GM will have to spend at least $1 billion to revive its Europe operations, according to estimates from three analysts last month. The company has lost $15.6 billion in Europe since 1999. GM told analysts yesterday that Europe is a "clearly deteriorating environment" and "very tough," Peter Nesvold, an analyst for Jefferies & Co., wrote in a report.

"Pricing appears likely to trend lower until either volumes rebound or capacity exits the industry," Nesvold wrote. "Neither seems to be likely in the near term."

Jim Cain, a GM spokesman, didn't reply to telephone and e-mail messages seeking comment. European auto executives have predicted a drop in deliveries of about 5 percent this year in the region, the fifth straight annual decline.

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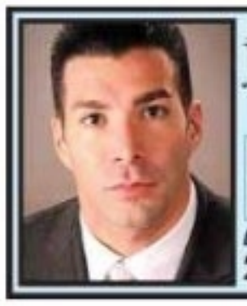
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